

Missouri Homeland Security 04 Grants Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

1. How much money is available?

Missouri received notice on March 29th that we would receive a Department of Homeland Security Grant totaling \$42,221,000.

The funds are divided into three categories: \$32 million to enhance Emergency Responders capabilities to respond to a terrorism incident; \$9 Million for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program; and \$666,000 for Citizen Corps Activities.

2. Why are the timelines so short?

We received notification of our 04 grants on March 29 and were told we had 60 days to submit our spending plan and budget for the State. This ODP-imposed deadline meant we had 60 days to contact all eligible jurisdictions about grant applications, receive and review applications, make funding decisions and prepare applications for ODP.

3. Can you fax us an application? We don't have an email address.

We can but there will likely be a time delay of a day or two in faxing it to you. Most everything, including Applications, Budget forms, Authorized Equipment Lists and other details can be found on our website: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/terrorism.htm>

4. Can you put the budget modification forms on the website?

We intend to put these on the site.

5. We didn't get a letter indicating we were eligible for grants. Should we have?

It may have just arrived and not been processed yet. If you are in one of the UASI regions in the State, you did not receive a letter. If you are uncertain as to whether you should have received one, please call Debbie Rathert at 573-526-9224.

6. Where do we go to get bids for equipment?

We understand that the budget 'estimates' on your Line Item Budget sheet will likely change as items are ordered. For the immediate purpose, the fastest way is to do an online search or review catalogs that may be lying around for ballpark figures. In

addition, check with the office in your jurisdiction that normally orders equipment or with the Emergency Responder who would use it. If none of these methods work, you can consult the OA list of State Approved vendors or email us with the specifics and we will give you a list of vendors we have used in the past.

7. What does “work with us on reimbursement only grants” mean?

This will be covered once grant funds are actually awarded. If you require further assistance on this, please call Debbie Rathert at 573-526-9224.

8. We are thinking about a _____. Is that covered?

(Please see the appropriate Equipment List online for specific answers as well.)

- a. **Cascade lighting equipment** -- Yes
- b. **Tower (and repeater antennae)**-- Yes
- c. **Training and equipment to make our Level A Hazmat guys into a Hazmat Team** -- These funds do not cover the equipping and development of a Hazmat Team.
- d. **Equipment to fix our fire rescue truck that has broken down** -- No
- e. **PPE for our emergency managers** -- Yes, so long as the EMD is trained to the appropriate level that the equipment requires. This applies to all personnel who receive PPE.
- f. **Equipment for our command center** – Yes, as long as it is on the Authorized Equipment List.
- g. **HazMat ALS training for our crews** -- No
- h. **Video library for use by our fire department (is this CBRNE reference materials?)** -- Yes, as long as it is on the Authorized Equipment List.
- i. **SLIR cameras for fire department** -- Yes

Fire Grants

1. What happens if we didn’t let you know by the 14th that we wanted to apply for Fire Grants?

The closing date to submit an application is April 30th. Please disregard the April 14th date.

2. Is there a limit to how much we can apply for? I heard there was a \$2,500 cap on Fire Grants. Is that true?

The Fire Grants are competitive. There is no cap on any grant application.

3. Our fire chief has changed. Can the new chief sign the MOU?

Yes. Our mailing information for the Fire Grants came from the Division of Fire Safety <http://www.dfs.dps.mo.gov> You can update your information with them through their website or contact them directly. Phone: (800) 877-5688 Fax: (573) 751-1744 or Email: firesafe@dfs.dps.mo.gov

City/County Grants

1. Can the city and county pool their resources to get grants?

Yes, jurisdictions can elect to do this. If you do, please state that boldly on the Grant Application.

2. We have 2,800 people in our county, but if you count the college/university that is here, we have well over 3,000. Are we eligible?

Our figures are based on the recent census figures. College students are excluded from those figures so the answer would be 'no.'

Law Enforcement Grants

1. Does the LETPP buy include our full time reserve officers?

For all officers having a status other than full-time, departments need to make a note of their part-time/reserve staff. (i.e., 10 FT & 5 PT)

2. We didn't get a letter this time for our police department and we didn't for the previous PPE buy. Are we eligible for this one? Can we still get the previous PPE as well?

All police departments and sheriff's offices in the State of Missouri with state commissioned law enforcement officers assigned are eligible. Contact Sheldon Lineback at the Missouri Police Chief's Association 573-636-5444 for more information.

3. The MOU says the value of the items is \$350 and \$500. What does that mean? Does this cost us anything?

As we have in the past, the State is purchasing this equipment for you at no direct cost to you. We are retaining an estimated \$350 per officer/deputy and \$500 or \$1,000 per department for night vision equipment from the 04 funding to purchase these items for you. Departments with 10 or fewer officers/deputies will receive one scope and those with 11 or more officers/deputies will receive two.

If you agree to let the State buy these items for you, please return the MOU.

After we calculate the number of sets we must purchase statewide, the remainder of the funds will be applied toward the competitive grant process. You must fill out the LETPP Grant Application to be considered for that assistance.

Interoperability Grants

1. Do our radios have to be APCO Project 25 Compliant?

This grant covers individual portable and mobile radios, software-defined radios, portable repeaters, radio interconnect systems, satellite phones and associated hardware, such as batteries, chargers and battery conditioning systems.

In keeping with the impending FCC-imposed deadline to reduce bandwidth below 512 MHz, only radios capable of channel bandwidths of 12.4 KHZ will be considered. APCO Project 25 compliant radios are encouraged in those areas or regions where there is a current or foreseeable digital system infrastructure.